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Thanks

...To Sharon Martin and Sharon Smith for managing the Yr 4 & Yr 6 Swimming Teams at this week's Interschool Swimming Championships.

People of the week

.. Andrew, James and Hazel ("The Nailers") who won the Northern Region Agrikids competition on Saturday at Dargaville and Brad, Jared and Kayleigh ("Country Kids") who came fifth. These teams are entitled to compete in Gore in July.

..Congratulations to James Donaldson (Mrs Donaldson's) husband who won the Young Farmer of the Year title for 2010. Good luck in Gore in July. The TV crew were at school on Wednesday filming James and Katie and the Agrikids. It will screen on TV6 on 1 June and 7.30pm.

..Jackson, the next Michael Campbell, came 2nd in the Quinton's Pro Day - 60 U15's in the tournament and won a golf bag. Well done Jackson.

.. Those children who participated in the Middle & Senior School Duathlon last week.

.. Andrew who was extraordinarily kind and thoughtful to a friend in need this week.

..Those Matarau children who participated in last weekend's Allens Tryathlon.

.. Those children who participated in the Northland Secondary School Triathlon. Euan came 5th and Hayden came 10th. Sophie, William & Isaac who competed in the teams event and came 10th.

.. Caleb Eady for recent successes at Karapiro. Caleb is now the 8th fastest single sculler in NZ, third fastest double sculler in NZ and has been selected for Auckland and North Island rowing teams. Well done and good luck for trials.

Senior Rock Wall Day

A reminder that year 7 and 8 students head to Genesis Stadium on Tuesday 23 March (leaving school 9:00 and returning by 3:00). Would be great to have offers of parent support for this day. Offers and questions in the build up to Mr D please.



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Middle & Senior Duathlon

Well done to those children who participated in the team event, which took place on Friday with the following placings:

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
Middle School Boys	Seth, Brad, Tytan	Reuben, Isaac, Bronson	Liam, Cameron, Daniel	Quinn, Max, Ezra
Senior School Boys	James, Euan, Brady	Ricky, Andrew, Ethan	Angus, Scott, Jesse	Campbell, Isaac, William
Senior School Girls	Eleanor, Sophie, Monika	Georgia, Tyler, Emily		

Apologies to Angus Dorahy for being left off last weeks results, he came 4th in the Senior individual event.

Interschool Swimming Championships

Thank you to all of those children who swam their hearts out and supported each other at this week's interschool swimming sports. Congratulations everyone! The results are as follows:

		Backstroke	Breaststroke	FreeStyle
Yr 4 Boys	Caleb			2 nd
Yr 4 Girls	Michelle			9 th
Yr 5 Boys	Max	6 th	4 th	5 th
Yr 6 Girls	Laura	4 th	5 th	6 th
Yr 7 Boys	Brady	5 th	4 th	2 nd
Yr 7 Boys	Scott	4 th		4 th
Yr 7 Girls	Emily	6 th	6 th	6 th
Yr 7 Girls	Monika	12 th		
Yr 8 Boys	William	6 th	9 th	10 th
Yr 8 Boys	Campbell		4 th	
Yr 8 Boys	Alex	12 th		9 th
Yr 8 Girls	Sophie	3 rd	2 nd	4 th

The Yr 7 Relay team made up of Monika, Emily, Brady and Scott achieved 2nd place.

Our Yr 7 & 8 team also achieved 3rd overall in the Schools Points Competition placing, competing against much bigger schools from around Whangarei.

Skate Days - Message from the School Council

On the Fridays of Week 7 and 8 and the Thursday of Week 9 Council will be holding a Skate Day between 12.45pm - 1.30. No bikes are allowed, however, children can bring skateboards, scooters, ripsticks, pogo sticks and rollerblades. Week 7 and 9 are for middle and senior schools. Week 8 is for junior and senior schools. All equipment will be stored in the hall until lunchtime.

Safety gear must be worn at ALL TIMES!!! (covered shoes, helmets etc).

Year 4-6 Summer Sports Tournament - 24 March

Consents have now been sent home. Please return asap. Children will travel by bus, leaving school shortly after 9:00 and returning by 3:00. Offers of parent support always appreciated. Questions please to Mrs Burgin.

Cricket Match with Huanui College

We have organised a cricket match with Huanui College for Wednesday 31 March. Parents of children selected for this match should receive a letter today. Questions please to Mr D. Should be a great match.

Swimming Pool

The pool will close around 1 - 3 April depending on the water temperature. Parents may opt to return their key at the end of the season or hold this over if intending to hire again in 2011. Thank you to those people who hired pool keys this season.

Reminder - Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

Please return Yr 7 & 8 Immunisation Forms on Monday, even if you do not want your child immunised.

Board Annual Meeting

Will be held 6:00 Pm Tuesday 11 May.

Environmental Studies

As part of environmental studies, the Senior School have been researching all aspects of keeping Chickens. Our goal is to keep chickens at school using our food scraps as part of their diet and selling eggs to the community to fund the purchase of pellets etc. If you are able to assist in any way, or can provide a chicken coop or materials to build one, we would be very grateful. Please contact Julie Williams in Room 10.

Scholastic Book Order Forms

Orders were due back today. If you still have orders to return please ensure they are handed in at the Office on Monday 22 March, at the latest.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Due date for expressions of interest is Friday 26 March - sorry, no extensions beyond that.

International Schools Science Competition

In the past, for reasons of manageability, we have limited ourselves to the Maths and English Competitions - we do far more than most schools to prepare and support candidates (most schools simply enrol students and then supervise the exam). This year we have decided to open the science competition to interested students, but on the understanding that parents would be responsible for all the preparation (although we would help with tricky questions), including test technique, monitoring of progress, purchasing their own practice papers (we have none at school and these are quite expensive) and so forth. Interested children took consent forms home earlier this week. If you did not receive a form, and would like your child involved in the science competition (and you are happy to pick up the extra workload), please contact the school office for a consent form. Cut off 26 March.

Bible in Schools programme

If you are able to dedicate 30 minutes or so on a Monday morning to join the Bible in Schools teaching team please contact Carina Wykes on 435 0911. Carina is just a couple of teachers short and so please give her a call if you able to join her team. This programme may not proceed without further offers of help.

School Netball teams

Children interested in playing netball this year should see Miss Hewitt no later than this coming Monday. Further offers of parent assistance would also be helpful.

PTA Meeting

Please note this meeting will now be held on **Monday 22 March** (not Monday 15 as previously mentioned) at 7.00pm in the staff room. All welcome.

Skids Easter Holiday Program

Application forms are now available to book places for your children into the fun filled Easter Holiday Child Care Program. If you do not have one attached to this newsletter, please email Marcelle the Program Manager matarau@skids.co.nz to receive the application form electronically,

alternatively you could collect one from the School Office. Remember there are great subsidies available, you could be paying as little as 3.70 per day! Please ask if you would like more details.



Shave 2010 - Message from Miss Bevin

Did you know that every day 6 New Zealand children and adults are diagnosed with blood cancers like leukaemia and lymphoma? My sister and I have decided to do this crazy thing but it's all for a fabulous cause. We are doing this for our friends, family and the too many people whose lives are touched by cancer. This is something we can do - cos we can't do the one thing we really want, and that is to find a cure.

If you would like to make a donation go to the website www.shaveforacure.co.nz and look us up 'Samantha Bevin' & 'Michele Cook' or make a gold coin donation on the day.

Venue: Matarau School Hall, Date & Time: Friday 23rd April at 12.45pm. Many thanks for your support.

Community Notices

For Sale - Pair of rugby boots, worn once. Size 5. Ph Helen 433 5512 \$35.

For Sale - Large sacks of pine cones \$10 per sack. All money raised is to help Agrikids to travel to Gore in June. Contact Andrew or Brad ph 433 5061.

For Sale - Boys Sports Gear - Adidas Adinova soccer boots, size 8 very good condition, \$40, AND1 basketball boots, size 8, like new, \$70, FOX Tracker MX boots, size 8, very good condition, \$120, FOX MX pants, like new, black/grey, size 28" waist, \$70, Thor MX shirt, blue/black, like new, size large youth, \$30. Ph 4335735 or 0276100303.

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Board Election

The closing date for nominations is 23 April (although earlier is better) and polling day is 7 May.

Please note that both parents of an enrolled child are entitled to vote in a board election - even in the event that those parents have separated. To see if our electoral roll contains all of the necessary details (including addresses) please phone Donna Cates at school.

Nominees for board

We are now calling for nominees. **Nomination Forms were posted last weekend and are to be completed and return to school by 23 April (earlier if possible).**

Final thought

A working bee flaps its wings 11,000 times in a minute and produces $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp of honey in its lifetime.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Trail Bike Ride - Major School Fundraiser - **Sunday 11 April 2010** at Lovell's farm.

Thanks to those who attended this weeks meeting.

Additional helpers are still required. If anyone can help on the morning with parking, registrations and selling food and drink or in the afternoon on the BBQ and packing up, please contact Murray Mortimer on 4350373 or email wendymort@xtra.co.nz.

More raffle tickets available from the office.

